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The Great Dry Mystery

The country has never witnessed a political phenomenon as strange as the swift, uninterrupted progress of the prohibition amendment toward final passage. There is no overwhelming popular demand for the measure that makes itself heard. So far as our soldiers, returned and returning, go, they are loud in their protests. Yet state legislatures fall over one another in their haste to ratify. Six states went into line on Tuesday. Iowa, Colorado, Oregon, New Hampshire

Lawyers representing the liquor and anti-prohibition interests have announced a resort to the referendum, which they esert can overthrow the decisions of the legislatures is as many as fifteen states. It seems entirely likely that if a popular vote could be had a number of states and prevailing demand that the general church is responsible for that most would be removed from the dry colthis resort will be practicable in enough | on a foreign field, shall be there com- to his conclusion, the magazine writer states to overthrow the final result.

and a general habit of indulgence in the least injurious form of alcoholic drinking. On a popular referendum prohibition was defeated. Yet the Legislature pro-After this refusal of legislators to heed the popular will of their constituents opposition anywhere seems futile.

It is as if a sailing ship on a windless secan were sweeping ahead, propelled by ome invisible force. Perhaps our legislators are right and there is a strong, inseen popular current to account for the phenomenon. But state legislatures have not been famous for thus anticitheir constituents. The whole swift and | homes in other cities of Argentina. hurried process defics analysis or exlitical history.

The "Scandal" of the "Eagles"

struction these boats would be, and how not live

On Tuesday Rear Admiral David W. Taylor, chief naval constructor, who dea single Ford boat had yet been put into . Lenine "government" in Russia, zervice (more than two months after the war had closed). The contract price had been raised from \$275,000 to \$425,-000, and of the 112 beats contracted for only 20 would be placed in commission. would be held in reserve "for the next war," and the remainder would not be built at all. The government had constructed for Mr. Ford at a point on his which has cost \$3,500,000, the admiral said, and there will be a net loss on this to the government of from 20 to 20 per cent. The River Louge is now almost frozen solid and is generally frozen solid for four months in the year, so that

launchings are impossible. Admiral Taylor testified further that the Ford company had never before built a boat; that if the war had not closed we should still have no submarine chaser fleet this winter, as it would have been impossible to get them into the water even if they had been done; and that the approximate loss to the government would be \$200,000 each on the 52 boats the contracts on which had been cancelled. Of the seven "Lagle" boats that have actually left the works at River Rouge three are at New London, Conn., three are icebound in the St. Lawrence, and one is stuck fast at Oswego. As the River Rouge plant is icebound until ion and proclaiming ideals of utter free-March, the fabricated parts are now be- dom the Bolshevists deliberately and New Jersey yard.

This is Admiral Taylor's summary of the achievement of one of the greatest | tatorship of the proletariat." industrial organizers and masters of effi-

with this difference, that Hog Island is | ize secret Bolshevist propaganda in every now making good on its ships, and the Aircraft Board actually was able to com-First to Last-the Truth: News-Editorials plete, in one year, more Liberty motors | are marching upon Warsaw! Ideas were than all the airplane motors built by all | to conquer the world, force was to end, the other nations on both sides in the

four years of the war. Probably the parallel is Mr. Ford's | Now infiltration by machine guns is subbest defence. At the River Rouge there stituted and a programme of old-fashwas actually as little "scandal" as at Hog | ioned German conquest is launched in Island or in the aircraft situation. In | the name of self-determination and libthe one case, as in the other, there was | erty! an attempt to do the impossible and a typical American impulse to announce formation. Pacifism of the sword, good that it was being done.

the highly organized construction department of the navy, with all its experience, operating with one of the finest industrial organizations, in the world, amazed world! could achieve no more and should make almost identically the same series of mistakes and miscalculations as did the Shipping Board, and the Aircraft Board and, we may add, the Ordnance Board, and all the rest. The plain truth is that everybody undertook to do impossible things | of the barkeepers' union, who told the and none could wholly succeed. We trust | convention he never drank. On Monday the facts brought out in Admiral Tay- the Central Federated Union, of this city, lor's testimony will not be used to discredit Mr. Ford. It was a disgrace that lift the ban on brewing beer. Labor apthe same conditions and difficulties

An American Field of Honor

time endeavor.

should have been made the basis of

It is a great satisfaction to know that the War Department has been converted to the project of an "American Field of Honor" in France. The bill which Mr. Baker has submitted to the House Military Affairs Committee authorizes the purchase of land for this purpose and directs that the bodies of all our men, and Utah ratified yesterday. Only one | soldiers, sailors and marines, who have more is needed. The completion of the | died in service in France shall be buried necessary thirty-six seems now a matter | there, save only when relatives request

This satisfies the personal feeling of individuals, which obviously should control wherever expressed. It creates exactly the right situation with respect to magazine contained an article summing the vast majority of our soldier dead. up all that was supposed to be known As the correspondence printed on this about that "wee crawlin' ferlie," the "But "hen it comes to settlin' down t page has demonstrated, there is a strong sight of which on the hat of a lady in rule of the American army shall be here | famous of Burns quotations about seeumn. But there is reason to doubt that I reversed and this, our greatest sacrifice | ing ourselves as others see us. Drawing memorated in sacred ground. We can said: The case of California is the most | count upon the sympathy and grateful extracrdinary of all. Here is a state with | cooperation of the French government | obtained that these parasites are active a vast investment in the wine industry | and people. Our Field of Honor will be | in the transmission of human diseases." worthy of its illustrious dead.

South America's Chicago

A melting pot beiled over. That anceeds to catify the Federal amendment. pears to be the explanation of the Bolfastest growing city in the world, with pating the popular will. It is seldom each year to the population of Buengs

Spaniards and Italians make up the planation. It stands, for the present at larger part of the immigrants, but there case was transmitted in this way. The any rate, one of the wonders of our po- is a large contingent from Russia. Aus- men contracted the disease, thus proving tria and Germany. The Russians mainly. The correctness of the theory and aiding group of Spanish anarchists, are the instigators of the uprising, which has resulted in severe Last summer flamboyant articles and street lighting, several hundred casualpeared in many journals of the country ties and the arrest of 2,000 rioters. telling of the wenderful fashion in which | Among these 2,000 prisoners are 200 he Ford works were turning out the Catalonians who admit they fled to new submarine chasers at the rate of South America from Spain after the an-"one a day," of what a miracle of con- archist uprising in Barcelona in 1909, which collapsed with the execution of there would soon be such a fleet of them | Professor Francisco Ferrer, Most of on the waters that the submarine could | the others are Russians, many of whom proudly preclaim that they are fugitives from Russia. Four of the leaders of the revolt have revealed their plans for a signed the "Eagles" and who had en- Soviet government in South America ire charge of the work, testified that not | founded in imitation of the Nicholas

The Bolshevists laid their plans well, taking advantage of an industrial strike. Figure og began in front of the municipal palace, and reports indicate that only the prempt arrival of General Dellepaine These might be completed some time prevented the success of the effort to next summer," he said, and another 40 | seize the city. Under his direction the police and soldiers gained the upper hand and rounded up the Soviets. The prospective fate of the latter may be judged from the remark. of General own land near the River Rouge a plant | Dellepaine that "the Bolshevists can oris a prison on an island at the extreme southern end of the continent, far from the ordinary routes of travel.

Bolshevism Unveiling

It was as a fantastic idealism that Boishevism first reared its shadowy figure over Russia. We of the West must | Your "Sealing Wax" always seals the bonds have been sentimentally disposed toward | of friendship between yourself and your its announced intentions had not it been from the start so difficult to square thes: intentions with the actions that speedily followed. It was to end tyranny, it was to end war, it was to end conquest, it was to bring peace and prosperity to the vast downtrodden masses of Russia. All the hopes and ideals of all time were summed up in the Bolshevist programme.

What has happened? After denouncing tyranny in the most vehement fashing hauled overland to be assembled at a | avowedly proceeded to set up a tyranny more absolute than anything a modern would have come to a standatill long be-Czar dared dream of, namely, a "dic- | fore the war reached that climax.

The Soviet régime was to bring peace ciency in the world. Line for line and and end war and Red Guards and a Red item for item, from the flamboyant and army were swiftly-formed that have expandless publicity to the meagre prod-spilled entold Russian blood. The Bol- business from the bottom up, which is the uct, it reads for all the world like an shevists denounced the German propa- way most people learn the Ford business, other How Island or sirp'ent "seendal," genda, and at once proceeded to organ- an't let

accessible country.

To-day we read that 30,000 Bolsheviki conquest was anathema, Bolshevism was to spread by an infiltration of thought.

It is a grotesque and strange transwill through slaughter. Utopia won by The really interesting thing was that the methods of Hindenburg and Ludenderff-this is the paradox which Bolshevism and its friends are forced to uphold for an example and pattern to an

Why Labor Is Wet

New York's new labor party on Sunday passed enthusiastically an anti-prohibition resolution introduced by a member sent an appeal to President Wilson to parently intends to go on fighting prohibition to the very end. The reason shameful charges in other fields of war- goes much further than the plea than if the breweries are opened again a million jobs will be ready for the demobilizing army. It goes beyond loyalty to the members of unions employed in the making and marketing of liquor. It is, in fact, variously compounded of the mash of a human interest in intoxicants which is confined to no one section of society and the hops of a lively belief that "big business" has put itself behind prohibition for that most irritating reason, "efficiency." The aftermath of prohibition will be in no respect more interesting than in the reactions of labor to an accomplished fact.

The Deadly Cootie

Two years before the war an English "Little or no evidence has been so far

Just as the announcement of medical men that flies killed more soldiers than builtes in the Spanish-American Wac revolutionized our attitude toward this household pest, so the present war has added marvellously to the sum of our shevist uprising in Buenos Ayres. The knowledge of the powers for evil conlast available official consus statement cealed in the minute creature we have for Buenos Agres placed the popul tion | learned to refer to cuphemistically as the at 1.146.865 and gave it the rank of the "cootie," The frightful mortality resulting from what was called "trenea the exception of Chicago. At the time fever" and the mystery of its spread the census was taken the population was a led army medical men to turn their susincreasing at the rate of 5 per cent a piciens toward the pest that quickly year, and the prediction was that the spread through all the numies. A test future increase would be more rapid. Was determined upon, and volunteers More than 100,000 foreigners are added were called for among American soldiers, their very dangerous "bit" being that legislators are more radical than Ayres alone, while that many more find to permit themselves to be bitten by fected men to determine whether the dismaterially in the fight again

> It is only after seeing a statement. just published by Lieutenant Lloyd, of the English army, however, that some realization may be had of how deadly the "cootie" really is. According to Lieutenant Lloyd, the parasite was responsible for the death of at least a million persons from the beginning to , the end of the war. In Serbia the typhus scourge was spread largely in this manner. So a parasite which only six . years ago had not been proved guilty of being anything more than a pest now is known to be responsible for the spread of the most dangerous diseases. This is knowledge which in the course of a few years may save as many lives as the war

"The Grandmother of the Russian Revolution" is on ther way here. Let's hope she left her grandehild at home

where the Kaiser is to be sent for punishment have not considered Berlin!

walking to keep warm.

To "Shoes and Ships"

Dear "F. F. V.": My thanks to you for your help in starting many of my days with a smile, but you've certainly ru'ned to-day with your farewell Here's boping:

teaders.

Your "Ships" always make the port of Success. Your "Shoes" always carry you to richer gave any Regular Army officer, fields.

Goodby and the best of luck. My first contribution is my last WILLIAM J. JONES. lew York, Jan. 13, 1919.

A Difference in Jobs

From Scattle Fost-Intelligence; If Mr. McAdoo had been as lax in paying his railroad employes as Mr. Baker has been in paying his soldiers the trains

Get Out and Get Under

(From The Kenses City Ster) edge! Ford, it is emphasized, learned the especial'y irritating to us.

The Conning Tower

THE DOUGHBOY AND THE GOB Said the Gob, "Boy, howdy! What's the word?" The Doughboy said, "Old son, You got us safe across the pond, and I guess we got the Hun."

"Well, we helped to can the Kaiser. Such a nerve he had, that swab!" 'Bet he's shakin' in his breeches now!' said the Doughboy to the Gob.

"I got a scratch in Belleau Wood," the Doughboy said, "but here's The answer." And he flushed a kitbag full of souvenirs,

"And what WE got I wisht I had; I'd wear it for a fob-A big tin fish off Ireland-bet we speared him." said the Gob.

Said the Doughpoy, "I've sure had enough of lacin' up my pants. And you needn't ever talk to me about no

'sunny France.' The cootie is a busy bird. We certainly And I guess we'll have to hand it to them

devil-dog Marines." Said the Gob, "You're right, Old Timer; they was THERE! And I opines It was quite some cool off Heligo, but

we planted plenty mines. We itched to scrap the Heinies' fleet, but they was awful coy. When they come out, their flag was white."

Said the Doughboy, "Attaboy!

'Who was them Janes," the Doughboy asked, "I seen you with last night?" Some class, ch, wot " the Gob said. "Ov nome class, I'll say, is right!" Said the Gob, "Since jou've came back,

Old Top, I see you're quite some "Yea, Bo!" replied the Doughboy, "And I'm settin' on the world.'

Said the Doughboy to the Gob, "A Tommy ain't no bloomin' fool." "Why, I even had a limey for a pal in Liverpool"

The Gob declared, "And Frenchies? Oh, la. la! 'you oughta seen My Madelon at Dijor!" said the Dough-boy, "Sure! Some queer!"

know a Red Cross nurse' I get you," said the Doughboy, "and a eller might do werse,

Of course, there's Nell back home her pitcher, see?" "Oh. boy, some squab!" guess Nell's good enough for me," said the Doughboy to the Geb.

Well, the old var's finished," said the tiob, "and I sin't shed a tear." And what I'd chiefly like to know is where er go from here?

"The hours was long," the Doughboy said, the chow cas often sad. it WAS a punk old war, but it was all-

t first-cires movie show Old Charlie in the trenches."

Doughboy said, "Let's go!" Well, when Uncle Sam'l said the word, we went and done the lab." You said a mouthful, Buddy!" said the

Doughboy to the Gob. C. A. Ah oui! Some little old verses, C. A., we'll tell the world. We'll claim they are.

DEMOBILIZATION

The musket hangs upon the wall, And somehow I don't care at all! The war is over. I must say I rather fancy it that way. A. B. WIAT

A careful census of the Army-made from interviews with soldiers -- convinces us that on November 11 there were about 2,500,000 soldiers about to embark that day; and consideration of other figures shows us that on November 11 no fewer | Legislature to relieve the system of some than 35,000,000 civilians were about to of its obligations at the expense of the be commissioned.

cinating. But one hesitates to shuttle | nearly \$30,000,000 invested by them in the | thousand miles to attend Booker T. Washwithout a travel order. "Mr. Blinx," the property under state supervision the five ington's funeral. order would read, "will proceed from Times Square, N. Y., to Times Square, N. Y., for temporary duty, and on completion of that duty will return to his proper station. The travel directed is necessary in the literary service."

If the American officer who occupied the billet in the Rue St. Jean, A. P. O. 731 (slang for Neufchateau), after we left it last Apr'l will return the field glasses to us we shall be glad to revise Strange that those who are debating our epinion of him and think he was a borrower, not a thief.

Most of us have gone through the Another Bolshevik army is marching verbal periods of the war, periods when ganize their Soviet at Eshuaia." Eshuaia on Warsaw. Apparently all Russia is certain words worked twenty-four hours e day. There was the Coordination and Cooperation period; Speeding Up had its day; and few things now are not Reconstruction and Recducation.

> The League of Contribs, by the way, appears to be reconstructed.

> Representatives Gallivan's knock on General Pershing gives us an acute pain in the elbow. We used to meet the General nearly every day at G. H. Q., and he gave us just as snappy a salute as he

> A giggle is not easily elicited from us these days, but we do get a slight eachinnation when we read of half-price sales on uniforms and trench boots.

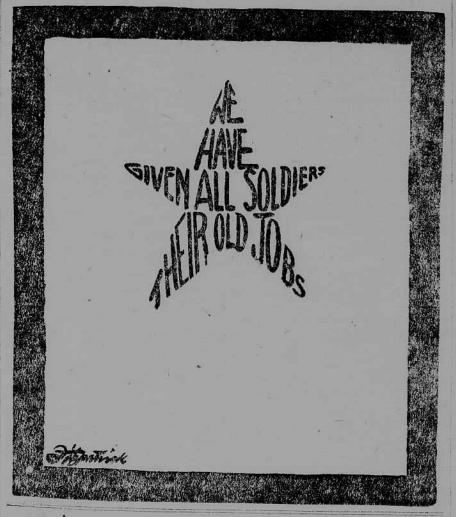
Just why George Ade has stopped contributing to the Cosmopolitan is not our concern; all we know is that we are 25c. a month to the good. North Carolina has gone dry and the

intergubernatorial colloquy achieves a new significance. This 20% tax on theatre tickets is

Think of paying 40c to see a \$2 show! F. P. A.

THE PEACE SERVICE FLAG

- rom The St. Louis Post-Dispatch



The Boston Plan as Hylan Sees It, and as It Is

gestion to Mr. Shouts that some tempotary restel plan might possibly betorked out of the best features of the Bosion plan and of the one auggested for thicase, having in mind mainry the operation of the traction lines by trustees to be appointed by the Governor of the state or the rayor of the city, with a proper regard for the public interests

"to get the benefit of the experience of some one who had special knowledge of the working of the trustee plan and who at the same time was not in the control. To break even it is necessary to increasor under the influence of the local traction revenues 50 per cent over 1917. The 8-cent interests here, I called in Mr. G. F. Macfarland, of Boston, who had worked on the. The result is that the deficit of three and Peston) public trusteeship plan and who was also familiar with the conditions as being increased at the rate of a quarter of they existed in Chicago under a similar a million a month. And the | plan." From Mayor Hylan's statement.

> A Study in Deficits Coally Results of Public Operation in

> Boston December 1 by the State of Massachusett of the street railway system formerly open ated by the Boston Elevated Reilway Company not only resulted in a deficit of \$3. 211.266, which must be made up by the taxpayers of Easten and vicinity, it demondpenaling expenses

and the payment of taxes on any return | colored race of America. on the \$130,600,000 invested in the system | by the City of Boston and the bond and | the negro race is imperishable. He was a Elevated companies.

If Boston Elevated steckholders had ever had, Shuttling in the subway is highly fas- | given to the public trustees the use of the menths' deficit would have been \$2,700,728. If in addition the City of Boston had, given cubways and tunnels there would still have been a deficit or \$2,087 174, and if on reduce it only to \$1,719,119,

A comparison of results for the past five corresponding five months of 1917 under private operation shows that increased wages and increased material costs are the nearly equal and principal causes of the increased cost of service

| Receipts | Stock 1918 | Street | 1917 | theregase | Psychoper receipt | \$4.771.940 | \$7.874.242 | \$997.704 | \$7.874.242 | \$997.704 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7.862 | \$7. . 5.460,810 8.794,784 1,865,526

Perhaps the most discouraging feature

of the whole situation is that the deficit is continuing to grow under the 8-cent fare. fare is mereasing revenues but 35 per cent. one-quarter millions, as of December 1, is

Small wonder that trusteeships go begying -From The Boston News Bureau.

The Negro and Roosevelt

While the greatest citizens and traied that under public management a rulers of this nation and the world ace Issent face could not earn enough to pay paying tributes of honor to the memory of Theodore Rooseve't, I wish to say that no tion all sround, wherefrom our friends or tion all sround, wherefrom our friends or In the five months just part the system persons have sustained a greater loss in alled by \$18,108 to carn a single cent town his death than how the his death than have the members of the

His mark upon the social structure of stock helders of the West End and Boston | trustee of Tuskegee Institute, and first visited Tuskegee in 1905, when he was The public ownership crowd are trying President. Through his visits to the to make things look better by getting the school, his wise counsel as a trustee and his enthusiastic support of all that Tuskegee stood for he proved to be one of the hest friends and helpers this institution

Mr. Roosevelt journeyed more than one

It was a revelation as well as an inspiration to black men everywhere to learn To the Editor of The Tribune the public trustees the free use of all its | from his own lips of the confidence of this former President of the United States in | quets to the men in the service, why doesn't Mr. Washington's judgment and sane leadtop of this the system had been freed from ership. Mr. Roosevelt then said: "I owe stalwart officers and enlisted men of the all taxes the five months' deficit would be him much. I know of very many people who owe him much. He was one of the men to whose counsel and guidance I fremonths under public operation with the quently turned when I was President of the United States. I turned to him as I turned to only a limited number of other men for advice and help when I was Presi- to the public's liking for color and dash; dent, because I knew that never would be give me one word of advice with any selfish purpose of benefit to himself."

FRANK P. CHISHOLM, Field Secretary, Tuskegee Institute. Brooklyn, Jan. 14, 1919.

Bingen on the Rhine

(By Lieutenant Grantland Rice, Third Army, A. E. F.) When I was still a tow-head kid across an ancient spell, And had to do as I was bid or eatch all ballyel; I will recall with mandlin corse the day I had to rive And which in with some toolish verse with terror in my eyes; "Beneath the Spreading Chestrat Tree" - "The Ride of Paul Revere" -"Upon a Stern and Rock-bound Coast"-and others just as sere; But from the list which stends accorst where nightmares still entwine, The one that I recited first was "Bingen on the Rhine."

Ach Gott: The morning I arose upon the schoolhouse stand, With fallid cheek and shaking toes and tremers of the hand: My heart went up to meet my mouth, my bulging eyes grew dim, My longue was drive than a drouth along Sahara's rim; "A soldier of the legion lay"-and then with starting tours, I styped with wt a word to say, for I forgot Algiers. And that's why heart and soul still burn and cold chills souk the spine, Each time my merbid thoughts return to Bingen on the Rhine.

And now against the Hun's abode with steady tramp along, The old Third Army his the road, two hundred thousans strong; As dim dawns from the eastward ereen the vanguards cown the plain, They held their sector of the sweep that started from Lorraine. I don't know yet where Bingen etonic upon the bails map, Nor yet which Allied army lands upon its waiting lap; But of the for war and all its hell I can't say that I pine. I'd like to drop at least one shell in Bingen on the Rhine,

"Why Is a Gob?"

To the Editor of The Tribune.

SiR: In answer to your article in The Tribune of this date, "Why Is a Gob?" The name "gob," which has been applied to the American sailorman for so many years, it is believed originated from he Chinese word "gobshite," and was first sed on the American Naval Asiatic Station. Have no information as to just why the ame became applicable to the American navy and to no other, but recent conversaion with some of the "old salts" leads me to think that this was the true origin of

I do know that the American man-o'remain prefers the name of "gob" to that Receiving Ship at New York, Jan. 13, 1919.

to the Editor of The Tribune

Sir: In the language of the Northuman we find the word in continuous use, it means mouth (hold yer gob, hold cour tongue, or be quiet, as used when the biren are talking too loud or otherwise analog a noise). There is also a fish ve much in evidence in the waters of the North ica with a very large head which is more than half mouth, and which goes by the ame of gob by both North Country fishermen and also the Hollanders, and which may possibly account for the name as used acre by the wearers of the blue jacket, as contradistinction you might call the matlow a clam.

ONE OF THEM OF OLD Seamen's Church Institute, New York, Jan. 12, 1919.

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: The word "gob" is a very old one a the British pavy, where it originated 'rom time immemorial. Sailors were called "gobbies" and soldiers called "swoddies." The origin of the latter word I cannot trace, but "gob," anglice mouth, is quite cary "Gebbie," one who very often has a "quid" in his mouth, was known as a "gob." [lancy the word was of hish origin, for imong the lower classes there one frecucutly bears the expression, "Shut your cob!" (mouth).

"Limejuicer" is always applied to of the merchant service, not Royal Navy a though recent investigations appear to take it doubtful whether the daily of lime juice served out at eight helb, noon, to all hands was of any agginst sourty. T. R. REDMORE Biltmere Hotel, New York, Jan. 12, 1919.

To the Editor of The Tribune

Sir: In raply to your editorial, "Why Is a Gob?" will you permit me to point at that this word has been in use in Great Britain for many years to indicate one engaged in the preventive service that branch of the customs service of Great Britain which is charged with the suppres of the United States service which was charged with the suppression of the submarine merely followed analogy when they adonted sob.

Gobs, gob thins and gobbie thins are known in Scottish dialect and in the dislects of Northamptonshire, Warwickshire Shropshire, Huntingdon hire and Semenshire. There is a verb "to cob," which means "to aton," It also means "to expectorate." Dwelly, in his "Guelle Dictionary," reminds us that a gob is the rebill or neint of an ancher that is, the

part beyond the fluke. But a sidelight was thrown subject by "The Scotsman" on August 4. 1890. When a meeting of the coast guard takes place the men includes in pretracted yarns, a draw of the pipe and a friendly chew. Such a session is invariably productive of a considerable amount of good natured banter, as well as free expectoramouth). In the process of time gob and gobbie came to be applied to the ships manned by the gobs. If this theory be ound, then what is more natural than that men who have the gift of the gob (frequent ly rendered "the wift of the wab"; that is are given to swanping varns should selec-

a name so characteristic? FRANK H. VIZETELLY. New York, Jan. 12, 1919.

Unheroic Heroes

Sir: While we are handing out the bou navy who manned the cargo ships? They are a modest, self-depreciating lot and will never receive their proper due of praise from the home folks unless some outsider tells their story.

Battleships and destroyers appeal more hence most stories of the navy in the war have been about them. On the surface there is nothing very exciting in a ten-knot freight ship. But, believe me, there was between April, 1917, and November, 1918. When the navy took over most of the cargo ships operating between this country and France and England it took over with them several hundred skippers and mates from the merchant marine and made naval offcers out of them. These officers, nided and sbetted by several hundred graduates of the Naval Auxiliary Reserve Officers' Material School at Pelham Bay, mostly young college men, navigated the ships, while navy gots, about half regulars and half reserves, formed the enlisted personnel. And they got away with it nobly.

It takes brave men to steam week in and week out through submarines and mine infested waters at eight knots an hour in a ship loaded with several thousand tons of depth charges, TNY, or poison gas, not knowing what minute the whole works is going to be blown to hell. On many a crize side it was a court murtial offence for an officer or man to appear above decks without a gas mask, owing to the nature of the cargo. In a battleship or a destroyer a man has a sporting chance. A carge ship is able neither to fight effectively nor

Some day the men and officers who mauned them are going to get the credit they deserve. New York, Jan. 13, 1919.

But There's "Overhead" Expense

(From The Boston Globe). One advantage of the airpiane Cape to Cairo scheme is that there will be no expense for laying rails.